

Ugborikoko crisis: We will fish out perpetrators -Police

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THE Warri Area Commander of the Nigerian Police, ACP, Muazu Mohammed, has vowed to fish out the perpetrators of last Friday Ugborikoko bloody crisis in Uvwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

Muazu, who expressed deep worries over the crisis that claimed the life of a community leader, Chief Godwin Eselema and caused unnecessary tension, said the warlords must not go unpunished, insisting that they must face the consequence of their action.

He, however debunked media reports that four persons were killed during the crisis. He explained that only one person, identified as Chief Godwin Eselema slumped and died during the crisis. He was not shot dead.

"When we heard of the crisis, I immediately detailed my men from Ugborikoko Police Station, who quelled the riot".

He, however clarified that the trouble started when the victim who was engrossed with his family problem slumped and died, adding that this sparked-off trouble coupled with the lingering leadership crisis in the community.

Consequently, the Area Commander warned that any one who attempt to truncate the existing peace in the community would not be spared.

"We need peace at all times to enable growth and development. Besides, there is no alternative, hence we must all tread the path of peace and be our both-er's keeper."

He promised that the police would continue to mount 24-hours surveillance in the troubled area to ensure there is permanent peace.

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